

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~(30)~~ for controlling a television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:
 - receiving an input representing a geographical area ~~(31; 41)~~; and
 - providing a masked list of emergency events responsive to the input, wherein the masked list of emergency events represents a subset of all emergency events associated with the emergency alert function ~~(31; 42)~~.
2. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein the geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.
3. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, further comprised of enabling a user to select an emergency event from the masked list of emergency events ~~(31; 43)~~.
4. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 3, further comprised of:
 - receiving emergency alert signals indicating an occurrence of the selected emergency event ~~(32)~~; and
 - providing an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals ~~(34)~~.
5. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, further comprised of:
 - receiving emergency alert signals indicating an occurrence of an emergency event not included in the masked list of emergency events ~~(32)~~; and
 - providing an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals ~~(34)~~.

6. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein:
the received input represents a plurality of geographical areas;
each of the geographical areas includes at least one masked event; and
the masked list of emergency events excludes the masked events
common to all of the geographical areas.

7. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 6, wherein the plurality
of geographical areas are represented by a corresponding plurality of FIPS location
codes.

8. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an
emergency alert function, comprising:

a memory ~~(27)~~ operative to store data associated with the emergency
alert function; and

a processor ~~(27)~~ operative to receive an input representing a
geographical area and enable generation of a masked list of emergency events
responsive to the input using the data in the memory ~~(27)~~, wherein the masked list of
emergency events represents a subset of all emergency events associated with the
emergency alert function.

9. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8,
wherein the geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

10. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8,
wherein a user selects an emergency event from the masked list of emergency events.

11. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 10,
further comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert
signals indicating an occurrence of the selected emergency event ~~(32)~~; and

wherein the processor ~~(27)~~ enables an alert output responsive to the
emergency alert signals.

12. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8, further comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating an occurrence of an emergency event not included in the masked list of emergency events; and

wherein the processor ~~(27)~~ enables an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals.

13. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8, wherein:

the input received by the processor ~~(27)~~ represents a plurality of geographical areas and each of the geographical areas includes at least one masked event; and

the masked list of emergency events excludes the masked events common to all of the geographical areas.

14. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 13, wherein the plurality of geographical areas are represented by a corresponding plurality of FIPS location codes.

15. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

memory means ~~(27)~~ for storing data associated with the emergency alert function; and

processing means ~~(27)~~ for receiving an input representing a geographical area and enabling generation of a masked list of emergency events responsive to the input using the data in the memory means ~~(27)~~, wherein the masked list of emergency events represents a subset of all emergency events associated with the emergency alert function.

16. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein the geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

17. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein a user selects an emergency event from the masked list of emergency events.

18. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 17, further comprising:

tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating an occurrence of the selected emergency event ~~(32)~~; and

wherein the processing means ~~(27)~~ enables an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals.

19. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, further comprising:

tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating an occurrence of an emergency event not included in the masked list of emergency events; and

wherein the processing means ~~(27)~~ enables an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals.

20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 15, wherein:

the input received by the processing means ~~(27)~~ represents a plurality of geographical areas and each of the geographical areas includes at least one masked event; and

the masked list of emergency events excludes the masked events common to all of the geographical areas.

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 20, wherein the plurality of geographical areas are represented by a corresponding plurality of FIPS location codes.